

# TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY

OF THE FOUNDING OF THE

**Church of the Most Holy Redeemer**

*Prince of Peace*

PORT RICHMOND - STATEN ISLAND







### THE PASTOR'S GREETINGS

*In putting forth this Silver Jubilee Book of the 25th Anniversary of the foundation of our church of the Most Holy Redeemer, Prince of Peace, it is a pleasure to be able to place in the hands of our congregation and friends a most gratifying report of the progress and activities on the part of the Church. In these days of economic stress we have much to be thankful. The many evidences of faithfulness to the Church on the part of our people, as indicated by the regularity of the attendance upon the services and the Sacraments of large numbers of our communicants.*

*Our gratitude to our Diocesan Bishop, the RT. REV. WILLIAM THOS. MANNING D. D. and to the Board of Members of the Church Extension Society, for their benevolent and continuous interest in our Church.*

*Our gratitude to the Societies of the church and their faithful cooperation for the support of the church. The same vote of thanks goes to our good friends who on many occasions have given to us the cooperation and help.*

*To that end, let us all dedicate ourselves anew to do our part to make our religion a great reality in our lives and our Church a constant witness for Christ, in a world confused and distraught by staggering material losses and the constant specter of unemployment. Let us pledge ourselves to greater loyalty to the Church, greater zeal in its defense, and greater generosity in its support.*

*Faithfully your friend and Pastor,*

CARMELO DI SANO.



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FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

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June 9th, 1937

Dear Rev. Father

Please accept for yourself and for the members of your devoted congregation my hearty felicitations on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, Prince of Peace. I trust that the celebration will be a happy one and that as a result both you and the flock committed to your care will work with renewed zeal in the Master's Vineyard.

Very sincerely yours,

*Franklin D. Roosevelt*



MAYOR FIORELLO H. LA GUARDIA

Rev. Carmelo Di Sano,  
Church of the Most Holy Redeemer  
45 Jewett Ave., Port Richmond, S. I.

July 3, 1937

The twenty fifth anniversary of the founding of the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer Prince of Peace is an event worthy of recognition and felicitation. During these twenty five years the Church has been an outstanding force and guiding light in its community. I want to extend my congratulations to each and every member of the congregation and to express the hope that the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer Prince of Peace may continue its leadership for many years to come.

*F. H. La Guardia*  
Mayor





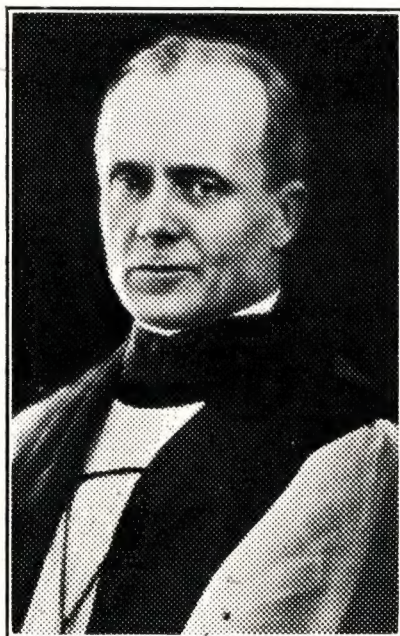
Hon. JOSEPH A. PALMA  
President of Richmond Borough  
City of New York

My Rev. Carmelo Di Sano:

I know of no better motto for any organization dedicated to the common good of all people than "For God and Country". These four words embrace all the idealism that all people can be proud of. You have carried out in deeds what you have said by word. I wish you many more years of continued good service.

*Joseph A. Palma*

President, Borough of Richmond



THE RT. REV. WILLIAM THOS. MANNING, D.D.  
Bishop Metropolitan  
of the Diocese of New York

Bishop's House  
Cathedral Close — New York

I send you my hearty congratulations on the twenty-fifth Anniversary of the foundation of the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer on Staten Island. God's blessing be with you and your people now and in the years to come.

William Thos. Manning  
Bishop of New York

THE RT. REV. ERNEST MILMORE STIRES, D.D.  
Bishop of the Diocese of Long Island

I rejoice to hear that on July 10th your Church will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of its founding . . . . With a prayer for God's increasing blessing upon you all, and wishing you all success as you begin the writing of a new volume of your parish history, I am ever:

Bishop of Long Island, N. Y.  
Ernest Milmore Stires



## CONGRATULATIONS

The Cathedral of Saint John the Divine  
The Dean's Office  
New York.

Rev. Fr. DiSano,

I assure you of my prayers for the Church of the Most Holy Redeemer, Prince of Peace, for you and your great work there. May God bless you.

Very Sincerely Yours

Milo H. Gates.

My warm greetings to you and to your people of the Church of the Redeemer for your 25th Anniversary. I have the warmest feeling for you because of your personal contact and because of the faithful and effective help which you gave us during one of the times of our need for ministry to our Italian congregation of Grace Chapel . . . I hope that every blessing will be upon your Church and I am sure that many others in the Diocese will be extending to you this so happy and cordial greeting.

W. Russell Dovie

Rector of Grace Church, New York

Congratulations to you on the twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of your Parish, and wishes for the success and Godspeed in the years to come.

G. P. T. Sargent

Rector of St. Bartholomew's Church.

Hearty congratulations on what you have already done, and best wishes for increasing usefulness in the coming years.

Horace W. Donegan

Rector of Saint James Church  
New York.

I offer my sincerest congratulations to you and the good people of the Church of the Redeemer for the twenty-five years of consecrated work in the spreading of Christ's Kingdom, and I pray for the riches of His blessing upon you all.

Chas. W. Forster

Rector of Christ Church, New Brighton.

My hearty congratulations, prayer and good wishes for the 25th Anniversary of your Parish. You are doing a true work.

F. R. Godolphin

Rector of St. Andrew's Church  
Richmond, S. I.

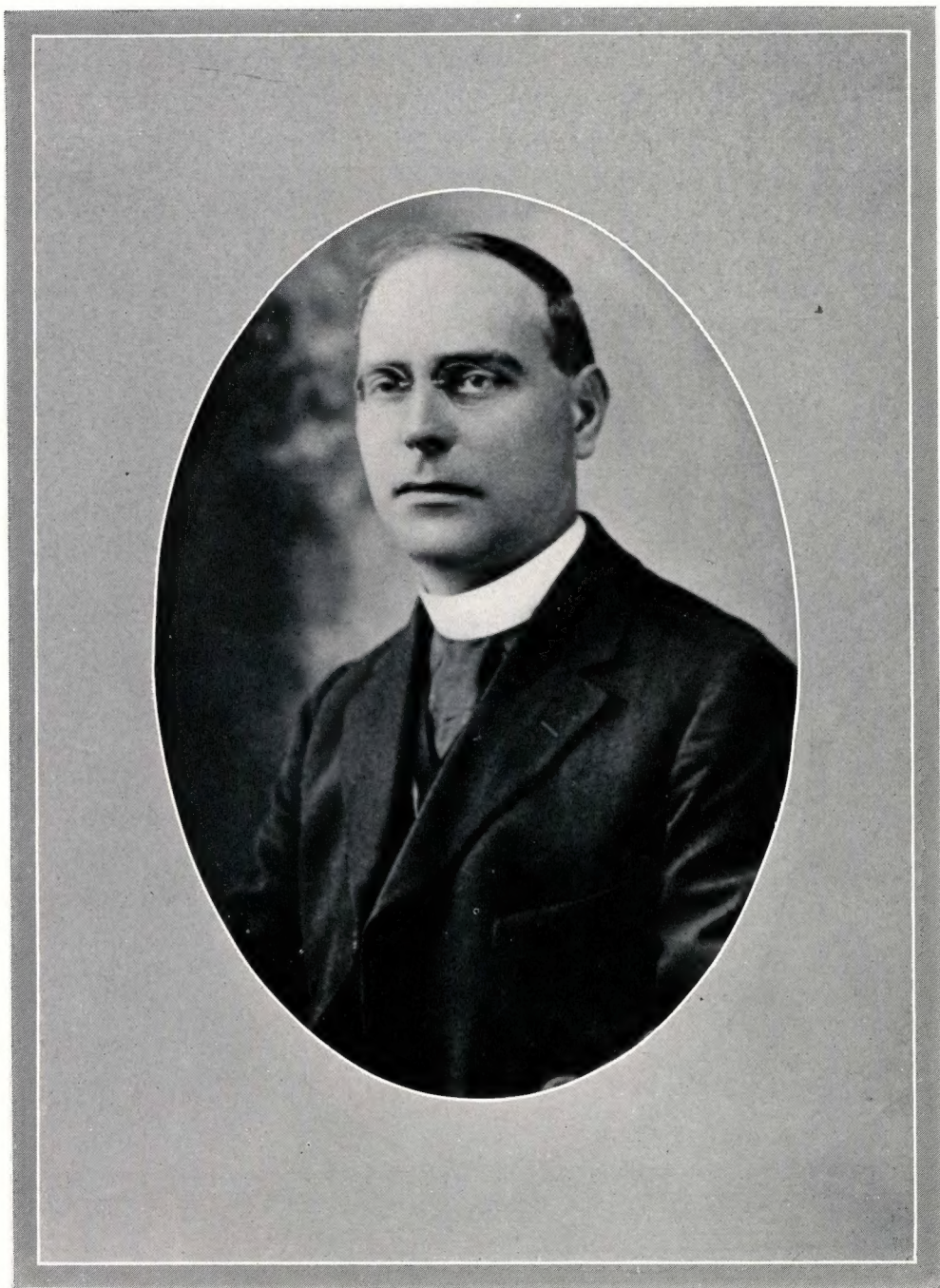
My best wishes to all of you and the assurance of my prayers for the progress of the Most Holy Redeemer Church.

Faithfully yours,

WILLIAM P. McCUNE, Ph.D.

Rector of St. Ignatius' Church, New York





*Rev. Carmelo Di Lano*





## OUR PASTOR

A leader of men must possess one or more of these three essential qualities; honesty, sincerity and ability.

Our Pastor, the Rev. Carmelo Di Sano, has well demonstrated that he is a leader of men. Those who know him from the first year of this silver jubilee know him as a man of sacrifices; a man in the hour of need; the man who extends his hand to suffering humanity. He has well filled his calling. To-day he still strives, tries and does.

As founder and present Pastor of our Church, our success is in a major part due to him. He has guided with loving hands the small flock of followers from a spiritual desert to the oasis of faith and understanding. To-day he stands out, a living beacon not only in our Church, but in our community.

If the small chapel of twenty-five years ago has emerged from the trying first years, that credit, is also his — his perseverance, his iron will and unceasing activities have made the transformation possible.

The teaching of Christ "Love Thy Neighbor as Thyself", a text used by the officiating Bishop at the laying of the corner stone, twenty five years ago, has been, and remains the corner stone of the Church's credo. Rev. Di Sano then said, "Without prejudice or discrimination".

Our Pastor is a modest man. The good deeds of his full and active life are "a thing of the past," he says; "look forward, always forward." No matter what degree of greatness a man may possess, the praise of honest and sincere followers are a leader's greatest recompense for honest and sincere service.



His eloquence and oratorical ability are well known, not only in New York but in many parts of the United States, where he has spoken before enthusiastic audiences. His ability to sway and move an audience, the mastery of his delivery, has liquid gold eloquence reach the very conscience of the listener, his culture and known activity at civic, religious and patriotic demonstrations have made him a welcomed and honored guest everywhere.

It is fit and proper, that at this Silver Jubilee, something be said of our Pastor; of his life; brief and condensed. To give a full account of his unceasing activities would require much more space than this small pamphlet — his life story would fill many a book.

Born and educated in Italy, he lived in Naples for four years, then in the Eternal City of the Caesars, where he spent ten long years within the former Pagan walls, among the historic Catacombs, the birthplace of Christianity. A Christianity which has given the world civilization, culture and that something which makes man; human conscience.

He studied sacred Archeology, published the "History of the Roman Catacombs and the Ancient Appian Way". As a member of the Sacred Archeological Society when Baron Kanzler was President, and the Late Cardinal Giovan Battista Lugari was a member who later became Assessor of the Holy Office. He assisted in the important archeological excavations in the Old Basilica of San Sebastian, outside the walls of Rome.

His studies in archeology include the great Basilicas, the monuments, ancient and medieval, and the modern historic sites to the year 1870.

He became a Roman citizen when Ernest Nathan, the only Jew to hold a like office in Rome, was Mayor. He taught school in Rome until 1903 when he decided to visit America, the land of the free, to study at first hand how the Italians who had emigrated here in great numbers fared.

When he arrived he decided to stay.

From 1904 to May, 1912 he was Pastor of St. Ambrose Church in Harlem, New York. While fulfilling his duties at the Church he became very active in the social, civic and religious life of the large Italian colony in New York. No public gathering of Italians took place without the name of Rev. Di Sano as a member of the committee, or as the speaker of the occasion. The Italian press of the time consisting of 'Il Progresso', 'L'Araldo', 'Il Bolletino Della Sera', 'Il Giornale Italiano', 'L'Opinione di Filadelfia' and the 'Telegrafo', contain numerous notices of his activities and literary contributions on current events.

After 33 years in America, he has emerged a true American citizen, not forgetting the traditions of his native Italy. He has so well blended these traditions with the principles of this great land of freedom, that to-day he is a typical example of the blended immigrant who came to America 35 years ago.

In 1911 to the end of the World War, he published "The Cross" a semi-monthly magazine whose articles were read and quoted by many. In 1925 he published "The Sentinel", a literary, religious and political monthly magazine, until the depression forced him to suspend publication. He has written a great number of treatises and pamphlets on religious and patriotic subjects.

His literary activities have brought him many congratulatory messages both from America and from Italy.

In the year 1907, when our beloved late Bishop of the New York Diocese the Rt. Rev. Henry Cadman Potter, D.D., assigned him to the virgin territory of Staten Island, at Mariners Harbor, where the great steel manufacturing

plant of Melliken Brothers was in full operation and a large number of Italians were employed in the foundry. In the majority, they were ignorant of the work and few if any could speak the English language. They became subject to exploitation and injustices. Christian charity moved Bishop Potter to send forth a pioneer; a missionary, with a mandate and mission to help these helpless and exploited beings in the name of God. For this arduous task he selected the Pastor of St. Ambrose Church, the Rev. Di Sano.

His enthusiasm and activity soon bore fruit and those who recall the great numbers who filled the Bon Ton Club Rooms in Mariners Harbor, recall the devotion, and reverence in which our Pastor was held.

Soon after, a committee was formed to gather funds for the erection of a Church. Unemployment at the time became general and the project was postponed. The funds collected were returned to the subscribers. He returned to his Church in Harlem while his friends and followers on Staten Island remained faithful. During the period of unemployment, many returned to their native land while others migrated to other parts of the United States in search of employment.

In 1912 the Rt. Rev. David H. Greer, D.D., Diocesan Bishop made plans for the spiritual welfare of the large number of Italians in Staten Island; and so once again, Rev. Di Sano left his post as Pastor of St. Ambrose Church, this time forever, to establish a parish in Port Richmond.

In May 1912, the Italians of Harlem, under the auspices of the Congregation of the Church, tendered Rev. Di Sano, a farewell testimonial. Many leaders expressed their gratitude for his great work, he was congratulated upon his appointment as Arch-deacon of Staten Island. Among the guests were many Americans, leaders of civic, religious and political organizations who came to wish him God-speed.

He then turned his steps, the steps of the pioneer, toward the land of Giovanni da Verazzano who discovered the Bay of New York, in 1524, the land of a great genius, the inventor of the telephone, Antonio Meucci, who lived here from 1850 to 1889, and the land of that glorious hero, Giuseppe Garibaldi, who planned the unity of Italy, while an exile on our Island.

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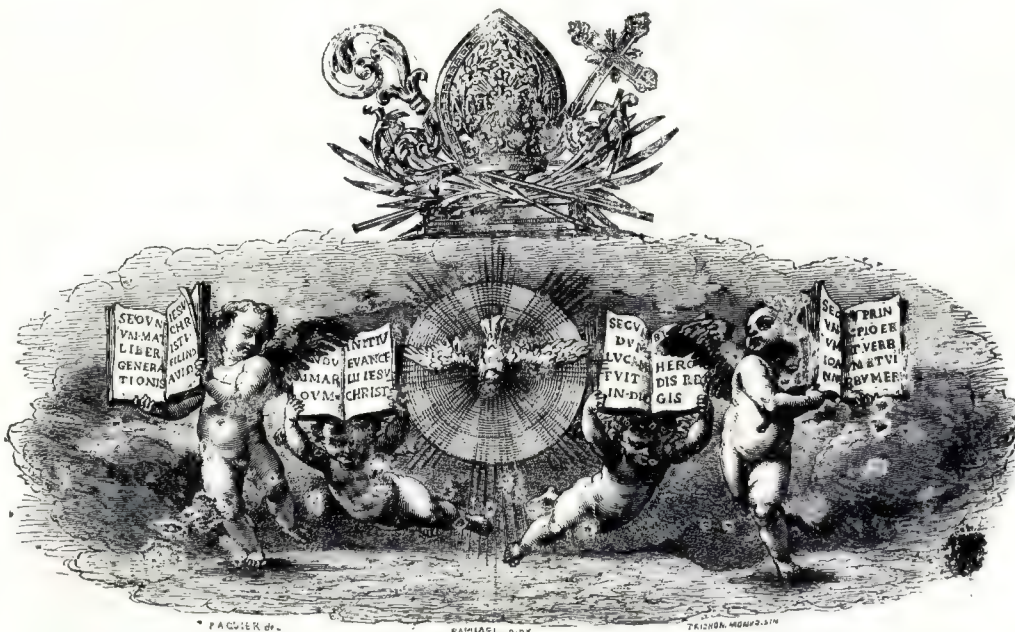


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## The Church of the Most Holy Redeemer

### PRINCE OF PEACE

Founded on July 4, 1912, by our Pastor, to spread the Gospel of Jesus, to cooperate in the moral and intellectual welfare of the people, and to follow the commandments of our Lord.

The first location of the Church was Port Richmond, at Golden City Place. Its activities soon spread all over our Island, and the first Chapel soon became the center of all Island wide, civic and patriotic activities where brass bands, fireworks, and street illuminations recalled to the immigrants the great festival days of their home town in far off Italy.

The Church soon developed a religious and educational program, spreading the word of God. The civic program opened the immigrants' mind to gratitude toward this, their country of adoption, schools to teach reading and writing, illustrated lectures on historical topics, classes in citizenship and the development of new immigrants to good loyal American citizens.

The little chapel was soon transformed into a towered Church by the addition of a tower and a bell donated by the Congregation of All Saints Church in Mariners Harbor. In May 1916, when the congregation had increased beyond the capacity of the Chapel, Rev. Di Sano, made plans for a new Church, when the present site was purchased and the present Church erected.

### HEADLIGHTS OF CHURCH HISTORY

The Church activities consist of the usual yearly festivities.

1. *May 23, 1913, a reading room and citizenship information bureau was opened to assist aliens to become citizens under the auspices of the Italian-American Civic League.*

2. *August 15, 1914, title to property was acquired and the portable Chapel was erected on the present site in one day. On the same occasion the Chapel was dedicated to Jesus the Redeemer. The flags and the banner of the Fraternity of the Holy Redeemer were blessed.*
3. *July 31, 1915, the World War gripped the World, the Rev. Di Sano, was named by the Italian Consul to the Italian Red Cross Committee, to help the families of soldiers who returned to Italy to fight in the great war. He was designated a delegate for the entire Island. Services were held in the Church for the youths of the Parish who went to war.*



THE FIRST CHAPEL

4. *The Government at Washington invited the Rev. Di Sano, to join the local Liberty Loan Committee.*
5. *May 3, 1916, a 5 Act drama entitled "My Country", written for the occasion by the Rev. Di Sano was given at Empire Hall, Tompkinsville, S. I. The company of Cav. Emmanuele Gatti, gave the performance.*
6. *Great Pro-Allies demonstration at the Stapleton Club Rooms, on Nov. 23, 1916.*
7. *Decoration Day, May 30, 1917, Rev. Di Sano organized a parade composed of many Italians and associations marched to Borough Hall and to Garibaldi's Memorial in Rosebank.*
8. *June 4, 1917, the late Mayor Mitchel of New York invited Rev. Di Sano to become a member of the Committee of 12 to receive the Italian Mission*



*consisting of the Prince of Udine, Marconi, etc., at the Garibaldi Memorial.*

9. *June 15, 1918, Flag Day, Rev. Di Sano organized all the Italian Societies of Staten Island, over 2,000 marched in honor of the American flag with three (3) decorative floats representing historical events.*
10. *September 27, 1918, Rev. Di Sano, obtained permission from the Siegel Co. Rosebank, to move the furnace where Meucci, the inventor of the telephone and Giuseppe Garibaldi, manufactured candles, to its present site, the Garibaldi memorial in Rosebank.*
11. *September 1, 1918, ground-breaking for the new Church and auditorium, at night a picnic to commemorate the ground-breaking.*
12. *October 19, 1919, Solemn opening of the auditorium, baptized and named "Victory Hall", then at night a demonstration of good will in which the local authorities and friends of the Church from other towns, participated.*
13. *Some days after, with the co-operation of a number of Sons of Italy Lodges, a demonstration was held in the auditorium of the Church Pro-Fiume and Pro-D'Annunzio.*
14. *Laying of the corner stone of the Church by the Rt. Rev. Charles Summer Burch, D.D., Bishop of New York.*
15. *January 6, 1920, Rev. Di Sano was presented with a certificate as District Deputy of Staten Island, of the order Sons of Italy.*
16. *September 18, 1921, Solemn dedication of the new Church by the representative of Bishop William Thomas Manning, D.D., of New York, Bishop of Fund-du-lac, Wisconsin, assisted by numerous Italian, American, Greek and Russian Orthodox Priests.*
17. *In 1921, an exact replica of the body of the Martyred Saint Giustina, was placed in the Church. The feast of St. Giustina attracts a great crowd yearly when it is celebrated on the Church grounds, the Saint was beheaded by the order of Emperor Diocletian in the third (3) century after Christ.*
18. *On April 1924, the King of Italy conferred the title of Chevalier of the Crown of Italy on Rev. Di Sano.*
19. *October 5, 1925, Bishop Manning, visited the Church and the late Sheriff Edward G. Atwell, presented him on behalf of the congregation with a silver Pastoral staff made for the occasion in Italy. The base of the staff is mounted with fragments from an Austrian Cannon.*
20. *March 11, 1929, a fire destroyed the interior of the Church, most of the furniture, statues and vestments were ruined. As the Church was not covered by insurance this proved a great loss. Rev. Di Sano with the kind assistance of the congregation and the Board of the Diocese soon repaired the damage.*
21. *In 1931, with the aid of labor furnished by the Gibson Committee of New York, the Parish house was erected, the labor furnished was a source of trial to the Pastor, who nevertheless, by the exercise of great patience finally brought the task to a successful completion.*
22. *December 1931, his Excellency, Dino Grandi, in a communication to the Italian Consul in New York said: "I wish to express my hearty appreciation of the work of Father Di Sano in the Staten Island Parish, in giving a liberal religious and social education to his people."*

23. *In 1932, the townfolk of Rev. Di Sano, who came from Castiglione, Italy commemorated the anniversary of his priesthood and active life in America, and on that occasion organized the Society which to-day counts over 800 members both in New York and Albany. The object of this Society is to unite in brotherhood all persons who immigrated from Castiglione, Italy, Rev. Di Sano is Life Honorary President of the Society.*

24. *December 11, 1932, Solemn celebration of the 25th Anniversary of the Priesthood ordination of Rev. Di Sano was held. Among those present were numerous ecclesiastic and civic leaders. Among the congratulatory messages, was that of our beloved President Franklin D. Roosevelt.*

Rev. Di Sano, has actively cooperated with Mr. Daniel Santoro, the founder of the Staten Island Italian Historical Society. He has given a number of illustrated lectures on historical subjects, during the past eight years. The people of Staten Island know his zeal and devotion in historical matters and demonstrate their appreciation by the large attendance when he is scheduled to speak on behalf of the Society.

The Church through Rev. Di Sano has assisted many worthy families during the depression in obtaining necessary food, clothing and fuel.

In conjunction with the 275th anniversary of the first settlement on Staten Island, held last year, John da Verazzano, the discoverer of Staten Island, was commemorated with the publication of a pamphlet giving a brief history of his life. Messages were received from Marshall Italo Balbo from Lybia, Badoglio, Marconi, the Vatican Library, Italian Foreign Minister and Count Galeazzo Ciano and many others.

On January 1937 a music school for violin, piano, singing, dance and stage, free to all was opened in the Parish Hall two days a week under the auspices of the Federal Music Project of which Mr. Edward Oxenham is supervisor. The school is well attended and is proving a great benefit to all who attend.

Rev. Di Sano was named Vice-Chairman of the Italian Committee to help the flood sufferers. Over \$1,000 were turned over to the Richmond County Chapter, of the American Red Cross.

July 10, 1937, The Silver Jubilee of the founding of the Church and the unveiling of a marble statue from Italy, of the Holy Redeemer on the grounds of the Church.



## Parish Report for the Past Twenty Five Years

Baptism Infants .....	592
“ Adults .....	21
Presented for Confirmation .....	1265
Marriages.....	132
Burials.....	155





## In Memoriam

We remember with devotion the beloved departed friends  
of the Most Holy Redeemer Church from 1912 to 1937.



Rt. Rev. Charles Summer Burch, D. D.  
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May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the  
mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

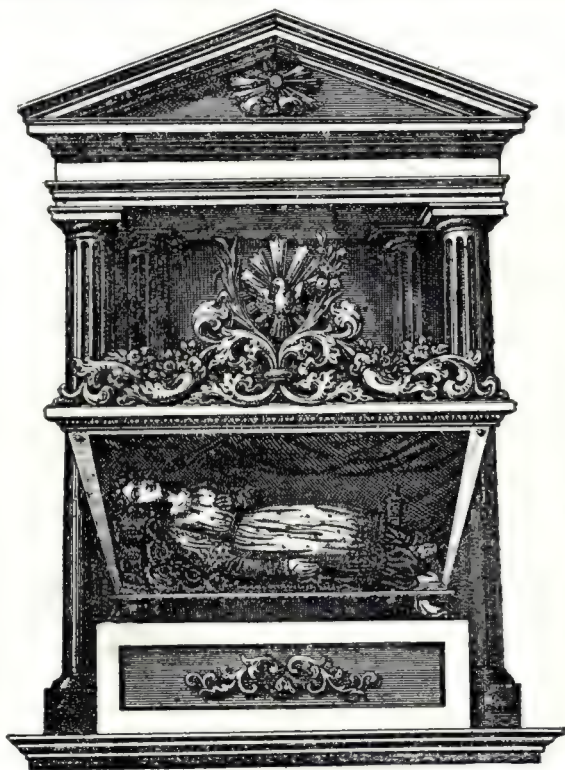


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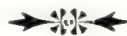
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THE CONFRATERNITY OF THE MOST HOLY REDEEMER, Inc. — 1913



*Extract from the address of Canon Harrower delivered at the service  
on the evening of October 22nd, 1914*



THE VERY REV. CANON PASCAL HARROWER D.D.

Rector Emeritus of the Ascension Church  
West Brighton, S. I.

.... "I wish I could speak Italian. If I could I would be able to speak to the Italians here this evening as well as to the Americans, but I cannot, therefore I shall have to speak the old Mother English.

I was very much pleased when I entered this Little Chapel this evening to see the flag of America on one side of the Chapel, and the flag of Italy on the other, to see the statue of the Blessed Mother holding the Christ Child, to see the lights on the altar and most of all to see many Americans here to receive the thanks of the Italians. All these things show a spirit which I like to see in the hearts of the people.

Five years ago I had the pleasure of traveling a little in Europe with some friends. While driving through a small city in Italy, Amalfi, we saw a throng of people marching with a band of music carrying the relics that they loved and which I think they keep in their chapel.

They carried these all through the city. We drove on a little further and as we approached a chapel we heard singing. With our natural American curiosity we decided to go in and see the service which was being held. There was a beautiful painting in the chapel of the Madonna and the Child. The service held at this chapel was a very beautiful one indeed. The same kind of celebration was carried on here last year.

It seemed to me when I stood here among a gathering of happy people that I was in Italy again seeing the celebration once more ....

I did not know a celebration could be carried on in such a way so that the people could gather and have a very pleasant time and be happy and yet have a religious feeling and thought of the Saviour in mind.

I had a dream last evening that I wish would come true. I dreamed that a piece of property 200 by 1500 feet was given to these people instead of one 50 by 150. If it were so there could be a playground beside the chapel for the children. BUT some day they will have it. I only wish I could buy it and give it to Father Di Sano now. The spirit with which Father Di Sano works for his people and church, deserve it.

Fr. Di Sano does some very good work here and what he does is done from the heart. That is the spirit with which we like to see people work. Another thing, Fr. Di Sano dwells upon citizenship in America which is very essential to the Italians in this Country. I would like to see Fr. Di Sano's Church grow,

not only with Italians but Americans also. We Americans or any other nationality do not want to think for one minute that we are the only ones that God loves. They are all as dear to him as you or I.

I wish to thank the Americans here to-night for what you have done for Fr. Di Sano and his people and hope that if necessary you will do more, because I know that Fr. Di Sano and his people appreciate what has been done for them."



SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TEACHERS — 1924



## THE SUMMER SCHOOL 1914-1915

The Ven. Archdeacon Hiram R. Hulse, now Bishop of Cuba  
to the Rev. C. DiSano.

November 25th, 1914

My Dear Brother:

I want to tell you how greatly we all appreciate the work that you are doing among our Italian Citizens on Staten Island. It was a pleasure to be at the opening of the new Chapel and to see so many interested people out. The Italians constitute a very important and useful element in our population, and we must all do what we can to help them during the trying experience of becoming acquainted with the customs of a new Country.

With all good wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

H. R. HULSE.



### The Rev. LORENZO DI SANO

Director of Summer Vocational School and Civic School for Immigrants.



Rev. LORENZO DI SANO

In 1914 and 1915, when he was a student at Nashota Seminary at Fund du Lac, Wisconsin, during his vacation, he cooperated with Rev. Carmelo DiSano, his brother, as Director of the Day Vocational School, and at the Evening English School for Immigrants. The school was of immense value to the immigrants who lived their lives far from the social and civic ideals of America. Rev. Lorenzo Di Sano received his education in America, was ordained Priest in the Diocese of Fund du Lac, and lately was transferred to the Diocese of New York. He founded the beautiful Church of St. Mary of the Angels at 241st Street in Wakefield, the Bronx, where he is the Rector.

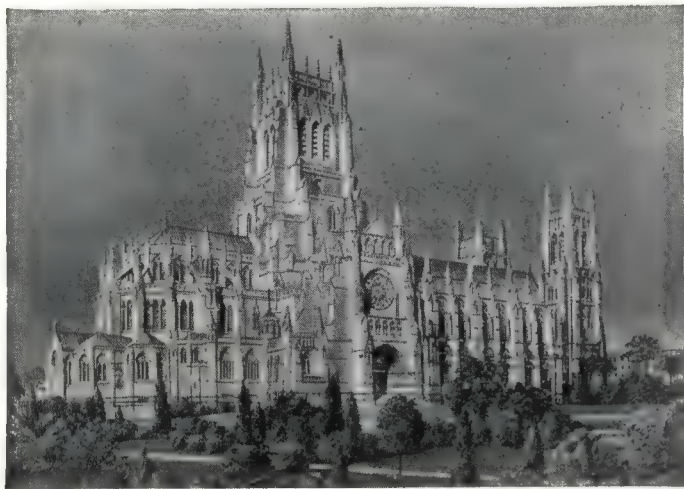


BLESSING OF THE FLAGS AND BANNERS OF THE CONFRATERNITY  
OF THE HOLY REDEEMER — AUGUST 15th, 1914.



THE PLAYGROUND





## The Great Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York.

On April 23rd, 1911, Rev. Carmelo DiSano on the solemn occasion of the dedication of St. Ambrose Chapel, one of the seven Chapels around the Sanctuary of the Cathedral, set aside for the use of the Italian Congregation, made his first address there before a representative group of Priests and Italian Congregations of the States of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Connecticut.

On September 10th, 1911 under the auspices of the Department of Christian Americanization of the board of Missions, the Rev. DiSano and Dr. Fred C. Butler, U. S. Director of Americanization, Dept. of Interior, Washington, D. C. addressed a large gathering in the Cathedral with a special service "Pro-God and Country."

On April 7th, 1929 the Cathedral received a gift from Italy consisting of beautiful silver candlesticks. They were presented to the Cathedral of St. John the Divine on Saturday afternoon, April 7th, by Count Alberto Marchetti di Muraglio, Charge d'Affaires, representing the Royal Italian Government and the Prime Minister, His Excellency, Benito Mussolino.

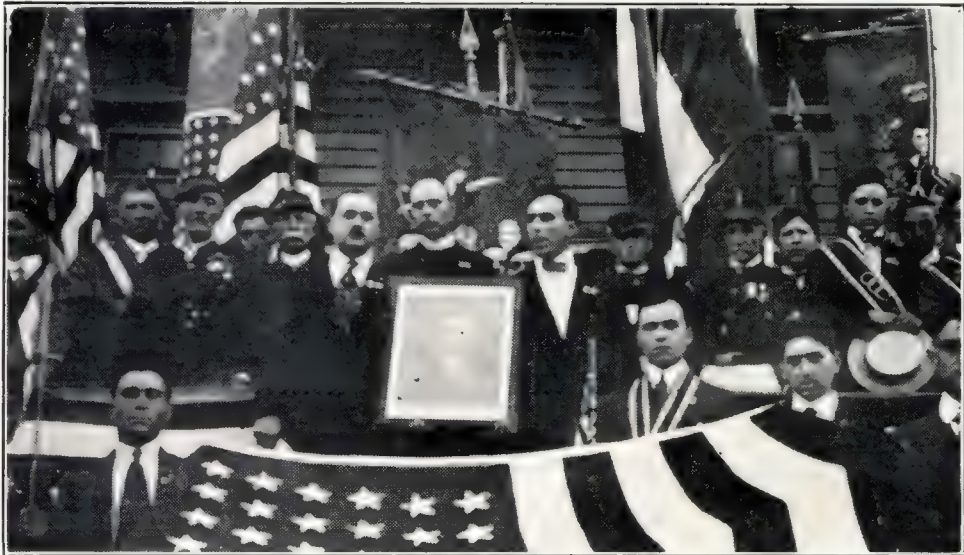
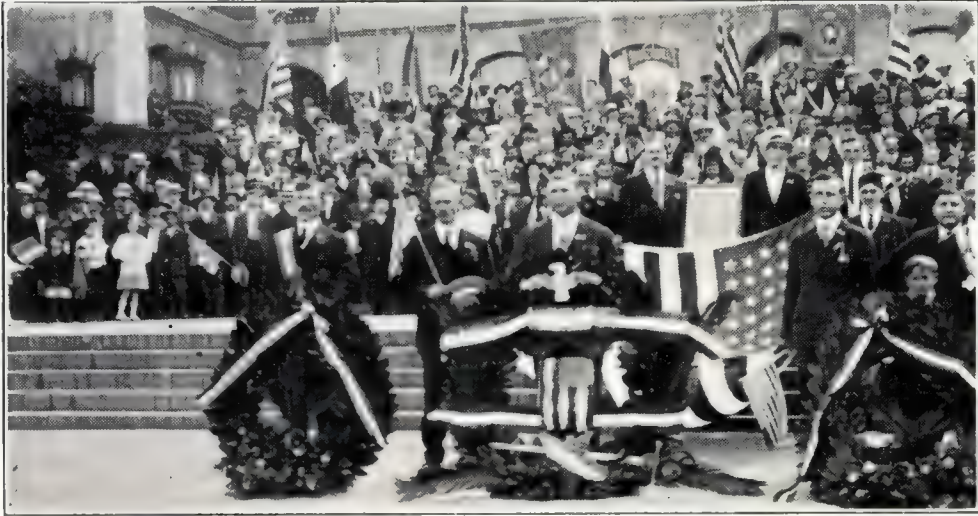
The Italians of the City showed great interest.

The presentation of the candlesticks constituted an event of rare interest to Italian Churchmen in the City, many of whom were in attendance at the service. This interest was especially manifested by the following telegram to Bishop Manning, sent by Rev. Carmelo Di Sano.

"The Italian communicants of the Episcopal Church, Diocese of New York, wish, on behalf of Your Excellency, to manifest their profound respect and devotion to His Majesty, the King of Italy, and to His Excellency, the Premier, Signor Benito Mussolini, on this solemn occasion in which Italy and America are united in fraternity and love before the sacred Altar of the Almighty God."

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